(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the infiltrators in this State; and

(d) what are the steps taken to assist the security forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration at the present.

(c) and (d) The Government has adopted a multi dimensional strategy to curb terrorism and check infiltration in J&K, which includes *inter-alia*, strengthening of border management, gearing up the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weapons, equipment for security forces, greater fuctional integration through a framework of Operation Groups land Intelligence Groups at the UHQ and lower levels, enactment of a comprehensive law on terrorism namely 'the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 (No. 9 of 2001)' etc.

Formation of Federal Investigation Agency

377. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form a federal investigation agency for better co-operation in the inter-State investigation; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Government of India has proposed to set up a federal agency, to deal with certain specified grave offences, which have inter-State and/or nation-wide ramifications. This has been opposed by some States, on the ground that such a move could infringe their constitutional right to maintain law and order. Given the legal land constitutional issues involved in the proposal, it would be difficult to indicate a time frame for a final decision on this proposal.